

The Herald and News

WRITING THE SERMON.

Friday is the Minister's Day For Performing This Task.

Probably few of the good people who listen with rapt attention to the sermon which is preached to them each Sunday, says the *Denver Post*, know that for nearly 300 years Friday has been the time honored day for the pastor to go into his study, write the sermon which is to furnish "food for thought" to the congregation on the following Sunday. In speaking of this custom a clergyman says:

"When Christianity was first promulgated, all preaching was done extemporaneously. Such a thing as preparing a sermon was unknown. Many gifted men expressed their views on various subjects, then added a few words of good advice to their listeners. This practice is still continued in the Roman Catholic church of the present day, and I think that a very limited number of the priests ever write a sermon. Not all ministers, however, adhere to this rule by any means. When Henry Ward Beecher was asked on what day he prepared his sermon, he replied, 'On Sunday morning, of course.'"

"Well, Mr. Beecher, don't you think that is a rather dilatory habit for you to get into?" asked another.

"Oh, no, not at all," replied Mr. Beecher. "In his quick way, 'You see, I look at a sermon like some one on a pain-killer. They can be served hot or cold, and I like mine hot; that's all.'"

His Friend Confessed.

The following story, told by the *Washington Post*, leads us to wonder which to condemn first, the boaster or his critics. It concerns a certain man who has a large collection of autographs.

Indeed, the envy and sometimes the skepticism of his friends have been excited by the number of successful authors who have set down familiar and flattering inscriptions in his books. Some carpers have even gone so far as to hint darkly at a similarity of handwriting throughout the collection.

He recently purchased a rare edition of *Chaucer*, and one evening when a party was gathered at the house the precious book was passed from hand to hand. The owner lost sight of it, but the next morning he found it lying on his library table.

On the fly leaf was inscribed:

"To Jack — from his old friend and schoolmate, Good Chaucer."

Who of Horne Took.

It is said that Horne Took, who excelled in that double controversy exhibited by two disputants when pitted against each other with only the breadth of a mahogany board between them, was exceedingly quick and sharp at retort. When he made his most deadly thrusts, it was with a smiling countenance and without seeming effort or emotion. Replying to a man who contended that only landowners should be allowed to vote at elections, he said, "I say tell me how many acres does it take to make a voter?" When asked by George H., whether he ever played cards, he replied, "I can not, your majesty, tell a king from a knave." What can be more uncluttered than his saying to his brother, "You and I, my dear brother, have inherited the laws of nature. You have risen in the world by your gravity, and I have fallen by my levity." Saturday Evening Post.

The World's Largest Crab.

How would you like to have a crab like this squeezing your toe when you go bathing? The gigantic Japanese crab, measuring twelve feet, is probably the largest crustacean in the world. The specimen is a type of the spider crab, which inhabits the waters of the group of islands forming the empire of Japan. The body portion is the size of a half bushel measure, while its two great arms or "feelers" could easily encircle the figure of a man. Its eight arms or legs resemble huge bamboo poles and are extremely elastic, and if struck into one line they would reach to the top of a four story apartment building. One of the extraordinary peculiarities of this crab is the faculty of assuming a disguise by affixing pieces of seaweed and sponges to the body.

Norway Hotel System.

There is a capital hotel system in vogue in certain parts of Norway. In villages where no hotel exists one of the more prominent inhabitants is subsidized by the Norwegian government and in return he is obliged to provide accommodation for not less than four travelers. He may take in four if he chooses, but four is the minimum. The accommodation and food supplied are excellent, and the charges are very moderate.

The Drop Curtain.

A youngster had been to the theater, and upon his return his uncle asked him how he liked the play.

"Oh," he replied, "the play was all right, but I didn't see nearly all of it."

"Why, how did that happen?" asked his uncle.

"Because," answered the youngster, "the roller must have been broken, for the window blind fell down two or three times."—*Chimes*.

A Fair Exchange.

Editor—See here, Mr. Dolan. You delivered me a load of hay for the six years' subscription you owed for my paper.

Mr. Dolan replied.

Editor: Well, my horse won't eat that hay, I'm afraid.

Mr. Dolan: Well, my goat won't eat your paper, he goes!—*Puck*.

The Average Man.

The average man is always anxious to meet the fool killer for the purpose of sending him next door.—*Chicago News*.

The Wary Purchaser.

Mrs. Young: And what are these?

Dealer: Salt mackerel, mum.

Mrs. Y.: Are they quite fresh?—*Chicago News*.

"MAD ANTHONY" WAYNE.

He Was the Sincere, Coolest Soldier In Washington's Army.

John R. Spears in Harper's demonstrates that General Wayne, commonly known as "Mad Anthony," was in reality the sanest, coolest soldier in Washington's army.

"They called the hero of Stony Point and the Marston rapids Mad Anthony Wayne," says Mr. Spears. "The title was originated by an Irish soldier who had been confined in the guardhouse at the order of the general, and it was taken up by the people because of the wild enthusiasm and determination with which Wayne led his men when the supreme moment of battle came. But observe that when the war of the Revolution impended he 'ransacked his toy' for accounts of battles that he might learn military tactics, and he gave his days to the training of his neighbors. At Stony Point he led his men in spite of his wound, but in preparing for the battle he appeared to the pride of his men in a clean, shaven and with hair well powdered, while the prison pains included even the slaughter of the dogs, that no cry should betray the approach of the assaulting host. When in Virginia, he charged the basis of Cornwallis with only 500 men to back him, when in Ohio, where the honor of the nation and the integrity of its territory were committed to his care, he took a legion of boys and musketeers gathered from the shins and trained them and then still with the musket equaled at a snail's pace, that of the most expert backwoods Indian fighters.

"Mad Anthony Wayne was a leader in battle was unsurpassed, but he should also be remembered that he record as a drill master is unequalled."

A Witty Reply.

Whenever the United States supreme court, on hearing the argument of counsel for plaintiff in error, is satisfied that he has no case, the chief justice is apt to say to counsel for the defendant in error that the court does not care to hear further argument. At one time Hon. Matthew Carpenter from Wisconsin was counsel for plaintiff in error and opened the case. Before he was through the court was satisfied that there was nothing in it, and so when he had concluded and counsel for defendant in error arose. Chief Justice Waite said, "The court does not care to hear any further argument."

Counsel was a little dazed, although noting that the chief justice spoke, did not hear what he had said, and, turning to Mr. Carpenter, who sat beside him, asked what had been said.

"Oh, hang it!" replied Carpenter in tones audible to the bench. "The chief justice said he would rather give you the case than hear you talk."—*Youth's Companion*.

Waiters Who Get Most Tips.

Waiters who receive the most tips, says the *Chicago Inter Ocean*, are usually those who have overbearing and dictatorial pretensions, those who do not easily take an insult, who ever have a personal snide for their patrons, who try earnestly to please them and are always ready to accommodate every one. A waiter should never place himself in a position of expectancy in the matter of receiving a tip and should avoid approaching a guest if he sees him in the act of drawing change from his pocket. After should never pose as an object of pity with a view to securing a tip. If he deserves a tip, he should let the guest feel within himself that he deserves it, and if the guest wishes to give him a tip he will usually manage to catch the waiter's attention or leave the tip beside the plate. Should the waiter receive a tip previous to waiting on the guest, he should leave it lying on the table and then do his level best to earn it.

The American Iron "Plant."

The Englishman was being properly surprised at the rapidity with which the skyscraper was going up.

"I wish me!" he exclaimed, "it seems as if your buildings grow as rapidly as your nation."

"Yes," replied the westerner unblushingly, "and the process of raising them is much the same."

"Fawcett! Won't you explain further?"

"Well, you see, we just get an iron plant, put it in the ground, have the street sprinklers water it, and in a month or six weeks the skyscraper is full grown."

And, taking another breath, the cousin from overseas managed to believe it. —*Memphis Commercial Appeal*.

Bedford the Foundation.

The Celestial City is clearly the fabric of Bunyan's own imagination, an elaboration most probably of the town of Bedford, which, though not a walled city, had its gates fixed here and there in all the town in troublesome times. The gateway on the old Bedford street, within which Bunyan was imprisoned for so long and through which he passed times out of number, must be a firm foremost in the mind of the great dreamer. Bookman.

Effective.

Binks: Do you believe in the possibility of the cure of disease by suggestion?

Binks: Why, certainly. I was feeling pretty sick last week and my wife suggested that I go to a doctor, and it cured me right away. Somerville (Mass.) Journal.

The Only Way to Prove It.

"Which do you think should be more highly esteemed, money or brains?"

"Brains," answered Senator Sorghum. "But nowadays the only way a man can convince people that he has brains is to get money."—*Washington Star*.

Our Aristocracy.

"She claims, I believe, to be descended from a king."

"Yes. Before her grandfather struck it rich he was known as the piker king of White Horse Flats." *Chicago Record-Herald*.

Granite is the only common rock which shows no traces of animal or vegetable life.

To the Public at Large!

Seeing the need of an organization looking to giving cheap protection in this county, we take pleasure in recommending to the people as a whole, the Workmen's Union Protective Association of America, as being the best thing in the way of sick, accident and burial benefits, existence. We write from the age of 12 to 65. It costs \$2.10 for a policy, and if you are sick one week, we pay you \$6 per week; and at the death of a member \$50 as a burial fund is paid. Any one wishing protection against sickness or accident at cost, can get it by applying to either Eugene S. Werts, Secretary and Treasurer, J. W. Farhart, President, or J. W. Reeder, County Agent.

Newberry, S. C., March 20, 1903.

This is to certify that I am a member of the Newberry Division of the Workmen's Union Protective Association of America, and I take pleasure in recommending it to those who wish protection in case of sickness or death. I was sick several days, and upon presenting my claim to the Secretary and Treasurer, was paid promptly the \$6 dollars benefit due me. I again heartily recommend the company as an excellent one, and thoroughly reliable.

Very respectfully,
J. B. SUMMER.

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It's Quality That Counts!!

In all the affairs of life, it's quality that counts.

The men at the head of the world's greatest institutions today, the men in charge of vast enterprises, the men who lead in thought and action are men of quality. The difference between success and failure is marked by quality.

The quality of the work done by

THE NEWBERRY STEAM LAUNDRY..

is what makes it a potent factor in the success of those who trust it.

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